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INFO AMCONSUL KARACHI

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SUBJ: TIKKA KHAN ON ARMY IN BALUCHISTAN

1. ADDRESSING GROUP OF REPATRIATED PRISONERS-OF-WAR IN LAHORE ON OCTOBER 12, CHIEF OF ARMY STAFF, GENERAL TIKKA KHAN, TOUCHED BRIEFLY ON ARMY ACTIVITIES IN BALUCHISTAN IN SPEECH WHICH REVIEWED IN GENERAL TERMS DEVELOPMENTS SINCE DECEMBER 1971 WAR. TIKKA, ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS, RECALLED THAT PRIME MINISTER BHUTTO HAD WARNED THAT FUTURE "BANGLADESHS" WOULD NOT BE PERMITTED TO DEVELOP WITHIN PAKISTAN. TIKKA SAID SOME ELEMENTS IN BALUCHISTAN WERE ATTEMPTING TO HARM "NATIONAL INTEGRITY". HE STATED THAT THE ARMY WOULD NOT ALLOW SUCH EFFORTS TO SUCCEED. THE ARMY, HE CLAIMED, HAD SUPPORT OF ALMOST ALL BALUCHISTAN POPULATION IN EFFORTS TO CURB SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES OF "OUTLAWS". NO CIVILIANS, HE ASSERTED, HAD BEEN KILLED AND SITUATION NOW IN THAT PROVINCE WAS "QUITE NORMAL". TIKKA ALSO ADDED THAT PAK ARMY HAD OBLIGATION TO PROTECT NEW CONSTITUTION EQUAL TO ITS OBLIGATION TO PREVENT EXTERNAL AGGRESSION AGAINST PAKISTAN.

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2. COMMENT: THIS FIRST OCCASION EMBASSY AWARE OF THAT

TIKKA HAS PUBLICLY DISCUSSED ARMY ROLE AND  
ACTIVITIES IN BALUCHISTAN. HIS SIMPLISTIC JUSTIFICATION  
FOR ARMY ACTIVITIES IN THAT PROVINCE WILL PROBABLY SOUND  
PLAUSIBLE TO MANY IN PUNJAB DESPITE PUBLIC RECORD OF  
EVENTS LEADING UP TO AND SUBSEQUENT TO ARMY INTERVENTION.  
IT IS QUITE CONCEIVABLE THAT TIKKA, NOT NOTED FOR HIS  
POLITICAL PERSPICACITY, BELIEVES HIMSELF THE RATIONALE  
HE ADVANCED IN HIS LAHORE SPEECH. MORE IMPORTANT, MOST  
OF HIS FELLOW ARMY OFFICERS AND SOLDIERS PROBABLY ACCEPT  
THE RATIONALE AS FACT. BALUCH TRIBAL CHIEFS OPPOSED TO  
BHUTTO CAN EXPECT LITTLE SYMPATHY FROM ARMY  
DISPOSED TO BELIEVE THEM "OUTLAWS" IF NOT TREASONOUS.  
NOR HAVE THEY RECEIVED MUCH IF ANY SYMPATHY OR SUPPORT  
TO DATE FROM GENERAL PUBLIC. SOBER

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